AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A beverage forming system comprising:

a storage tank adapted to hold liquid used in forming at least one beverage;

a metering chamber in fluid communication with the storage tank and adapted to receive a volume of liquid from the storage tank, the metering chamber being physically separate ~~and remote~~ from the storage tank;

a brew chamber in fluid communication with the metering chamber and adapted to receive a metered volume of liquid from the metering chamber for use in forming the at least one beverage; and

a liquid supply system adapted to cause flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber, the liquid supply system including a conduit that provides fluid communication between the storage tank and the metering chamber, the liquid supply system being adapted to determine a volume of liquid in the metering chamber based on a sensing of a liquid level in the metering chamber.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the liquid supply system includes a fluid pump that causes flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 6,~~ A beverage forming system comprising:

a storage tank adapted to hold liquid used in forming at least one beverage;

a metering chamber in fluid communication with the storage tank and adapted to receive a volume of liquid from the storage tank, the metering chamber being physically separate from the storage tank;

a brew chamber in fluid communication with the metering chamber and adapted to receive a metered volume of liquid from the metering chamber for use in forming the at least one beverage; and

a liquid supply system adapted to cause flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber, the liquid supply system including a conduit that provides fluid communication between the storage tank and the metering chamber, wherein the liquid supply system is adapted to determine a volume of liquid in the metering tank based on a timed cycle ~~cause flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber for a predetermined period of time~~ so as to effect partial fill of the metering chamber.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising a heater that heats water provided to the brew chamber.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the liquid supply system is adapted to cause flow of liquid from the metering chamber to the brew chamber.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the liquid supply system includes an air pump that delivers pressurized air to the metering chamber to cause flow of the liquid from the metering chamber to the brew chamber.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising a vent that is openable to allow liquid to flow into the metering chamber.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein liquid provided from the metering chamber to the brew chamber is heated.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the brew chamber is adapted to receive a disposable beverage cartridge, and is adapted to pierce the disposable beverage cartridge and introduce liquid from the metering chamber into the beverage cartridge.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the disposable beverage cartridge includes a beverage medium contained within a filter element, and liquid introduced into the disposable beverage cartridge contacts the beverage medium and passes through the filter element to form the at least one beverage.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the beverage medium includes roasted ground coffee.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the liquid supply system is adapted to cause flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber so as to effect partial fill of the metering chamber.

20. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein the liquid supply system includes a fluid pump that causes flow of liquid from the storage tank to the metering chamber.

21. (New) The system of claim 10, further comprising a heater that heats water provided to the brew chamber.

22. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein the liquid supply system is adapted to cause flow of liquid from the metering chamber to the brew chamber.

23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the liquid supply system includes an air pump that delivers pressurized air to the metering chamber to cause flow of the liquid from the metering chamber to the brew chamber.

24. (New) The system of claim 10, further comprising a vent that is openable to allow liquid to flow into the metering chamber.

25. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein liquid provided from the metering chamber to the brew chamber is heated.

26. (New) The system of claim 10, wherein the brew chamber is adapted to receive a disposable beverage cartridge, and is adapted to pierce the disposable beverage cartridge and introduce liquid from the metering chamber into the beverage cartridge.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the disposable beverage cartridge includes a beverage medium contained within a filter element, and liquid introduced into the disposable beverage cartridge contacts the beverage medium and passes through the filter element to form the at least one beverage.